

## OPINION 963

*AMPLYCEPHALUS* KÜHL & VAN HASSELT, 1822 (REPTILIA):  
SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Amphycephalus* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Pareas* Wagler, 1830 (gender: masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Dipsas carinata* Wagler, 1830, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1945.

(3) The specific name *carinata* Wagler, 1830, as published in the binomen *Dipsas carinata* (type-species of *Pareas* Wagler, 1830) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2452.

(4) The generic name *Amphycephalus* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1994.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1840)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Prof. Hobart M. Smith in March 1968. Prof. Smith's application was sent to the printer on 13 May 1968 and was published on 27 September 1968 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 107–112. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two herpetological serials. The proposals were unanimously supported by the Nomenclature Committee of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 April 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)9 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 111. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 9 July 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Bonnet, Lemche, Simpson, Mayr, Tortonese, Eisenmann, Jaczewski, Sabrosky, Evans, Brinck, Mertens, Starobogatov, Brinck, Melville, Alvarado, Kraus, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Obruchev.

Voting Papers not returned—three (3): do Amaral, Forest, Munroe.

In preparation of this Opinion an error in the application has been corrected; *Dipsas carinata* was mistakenly attributed by Prof. Smith to Schlegel, 1837, rather than to Wagler, 1830.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Amplyclephalus* Kuhl & van Hasselt, 1822, *Algemeene Konst- en Letterbode*, Haarlem, **1** : 101

*carinatus*, *Dipsas*, Wagler, 1830, *Natürl. Syst. Amph.*: 181

*Pareas* Wagler, 1830, *Natürl. Syst. Amph.*: 181

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)9 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 963.

R. V. MELVILLE  
*Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

*London*

*1 March 1971*